

United States Embassy Nouakchott, Mauritania
Message for U.S. Citizens: Visas for Entry into Senegal
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Since July 1, 2013, a valid passport, visa, and evidence of yellow-fever vaccination are required for U.S. citizen and other travelers to enter Senegal. Prior to beginning travel, all visitors must obtain a visa, or pre-enroll and pay the fee for a temporary visa at the Senegalese Embassy in Washington D.C., the Senegalese Consulate in New York City, or online. The Senegalese Embassy in Nouakchott does not process pre-enrollment requests. Online enrollment fee payment can be found at <http://www.visasenegal.sn/en/>. The fee for the visa is 50 Euros (approximately U.S. \$67).

At this time, travelers may retrieve their biometric visas at Leopold Sedar Senghor Airport in Dakar if they have already received their pre-enrollment receipt and enrollment approval form and paid the required fee. Visitors traveling by road must pre-enroll, receive approval, and pay the fee in advance of attempting to cross the border by land. Senegalese immigration authorities may deny entry without evidence of enrollment and payment and visa services may not be available at border crossings. Even those who have pre-enrolled and paid the fee may experience lengthy delays; the Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens plan their travel accordingly.

You may also be denied boarding on your flight or entry into Senegal if you lack the evidence of pre-enrollment, approval, and payment of fee at the time of travel. Please notify all friends, family, and colleagues of these requirements well in advance of planned travel to Senegal. Travelers should obtain the latest information on entry requirements from the Embassy of Senegal, 2031 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009, telephone (202) 234-0540.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Mauritania enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Mauritania), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Mauritania at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter at <https://mobile.twitter.com/travelgov> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/travelgov>, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/smart-traveler/id442693988?mt=8> to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott is located between the Presidency building and the Spanish Embassy on Rue Abdallaye and is open Sunday-Thursday from 8:00-5:00. The phone number is 45 25 26 60. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is 36 62 81 63. In the event of an emergency that interrupts mobile phone (SMS) or Internet communication in Mauritania, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy's dedicated Consular emergency recording at 45 25 37 07 to receive the most up-to-date instructions.